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## NEW SCHOOL CODE.

Features Gleaned From the New School Code Bill That Will Be of Especial Interest to This County.

### IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

Ever since the adoption of the Common School system in 1834, additions have been made from time to time to the laws governing the system. When business was slack in the law factory down at Harrisburg, some wise-acre sprung a new school law, or proposed the repeal of one that had been manufactured at a previous session. The result has been, that after three-quarters of a century of such cobbling, we had a mess of school laws that even school directors were not always able to apply satisfactorily. They overlapped each other, they were conflicting; in many cases, they were unreasonable, applying well enough to some sections of the state, while in others they were oppressive and, of course, very unpopular.

In order to bring some kind of order out of this chaos, a Commission, composed of able educators—practical business men—was appointed to present a new code—using what was good of the old, revising other parts, and rejecting that which in their judgment ought to be thrown out, and to present the result of their work to the legislature for its ratification or modification.

When it came before the legislature at the session just closed, each one of the two hundred and fifty-seven members felt it his bounden duty to show the Commission how little they knew. Hence there were additions proposed, and subtractions demanded until the framers of the original code would scarcely have recognized their product. After jangling over it until the very end of the session, very much tattered and torn, it came from the mill and was allowed to be taken to the Governor for his signature—or veto. It is said by those who are in close touch with the executive that he will sign the bill, and the "School Laws and Decisions" that have so long been carried in the school director's pocket, may now be sold to the junk dealer.

The following paragraphs taken from the bill are those that are of most interest to our teachers, directors, and patrons:

"In the townships and boroughs having a population of less than 3000, the school boards will be composed of five members elected at large, one each year for five years. School directors now in office continue to serve in conjunction with the new members until their terms have expired.

In school buildings more than one-story high, entrance doors must all open outward, and all present buildings must be made to conform to this law before the opening of the coming school year.

"The provision in the present school law requiring a meeting of school directors and teachers before the selection of textbooks for the ensuing year, has been omitted. The school boards by a majority vote adopt school books, as at present, but textbooks cannot be changed oftener than once in five years. At present they may be changed every three years.

"Townships or boroughs which do not maintain high schools of their own must pay the tuition of their pupils in neighboring high schools, and such pupils may, at public expense, complete the four-year high school courses in larger high schools.

"School districts may transport children to the high or other schools at the expense of the district, and if schools are closed in order to centralize or grade the schools of the district, there is no loss of state appropriation on (Continued on page eight)

## APRIL WEDDINGS.

Former Fulton County People United in Marriage With Huntingdon County People.

### "NEWS" EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS.

PALMER—PETERSON.

Thomas E. Palmer and Miss Grace Peterson, both of Mount Union, Pa., were married at the home of the bride at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening, April 6th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Pennypacker. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The bride wore a gown of cream silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The attendants of the bridal party were Miss Maude Peterson and Lorenzo V. Palmer sister and brother of the bride and groom, respectively. After the ceremony, a lunch was served. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. Joseph Palmer, residing near Mount Union, and is engaged in the harnessmaking business. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Peterson, and is well known throughout the community. Relatives were present from Pittsburg, Tyrone and Connecticut. After the nuptials, the bride and groom left for a sojourn among relatives in this county. Returning they will reside in Mt. Union. Their many friends wish them abundant happiness and prosperity.

PRICE—HEEFNER.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. Ezra F. Heefner, on Smithfield Street, Huntingdon, Pa., at 1:30 p. m., April 14, 1909, the contracting parties being Mr. Bruce Price, of Huntingdon, Pa., and Miss Mary E. Heefner, of Hustontown, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. G. A. Sparks, of Connellsville, Pa. After congratulations had been received, all were invited to the dining room to partake of an elaborate dinner which had been prepared by Mrs. E. F. Heefner, who is a sister of the groom, and the bride is a sister of Mr. E. F. Heefner. The groom was born in Huntingdon county, and the bride was born in Fulton county. They are both most worthy young people. They will at once take up housekeeping at Allensville, Mifflin county, Pa., where the groom will be employed as a clerk in his brother-in-law's store at that place. May they have a pleasant voyage over the sea of life.

Surprise Party.

A very pleasant surprise was given William Keefer, of St. Thomas, on last Friday, it being his 37th birthday. About five o'clock, when Mr. Keefer came in from work, he found the house filled with friends and neighbors, and the table filled with good things which his wife had prepared, to which all did ample justice. The evening was spent very pleasantly and all departed for their homes wishing Mr. Keefer many more happy birthdays. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Zintmyer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maxheimer and daughter Mary, Miss Irene Walters, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. James Shuman and daughters Lizzie and Martha; James Shuman, Jr., Will Shuman, Clark Shultz, Harry Gram, Miss Lottie Gram, Miss Minnie Gram, Mr. and Mrs. Will Yeager and children—Clarence, Gertrude, Garnet and Elizabeth; Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaa Clevenger and two children Jacob and Catharine.

Base Ball.

The Big Cove Tannery team crossed bats last Saturday with the Needmore team, on the latter's grounds, and won by a score of 19-5. Everything passed off harmoniously and the afternoon was spent very pleasantly.

## WELLS VALLEY TO HAVE A RAILROAD.

Big Lumber Company Have Bought Hundreds of Acres of Timber Land, and Will Run Tram Road from H. & B. T.

From information received from a resident of Wells Valley, that section is likely to be the first in Fulton county to have a railroad. It is said that the Reightly Bros., who have been extensively engaged in Mifflin county in the manufacture of lumber during the past fifteen years, have purchased hundreds of acres of timber land in Wells township, and have secured the right-of-way, to build a road from Sandy Run, across Broad-top mountain, and extending through the Valley, to the foot of Siding Hill. Three engines will be employed to do the hauling, and the right-of-way has been leased for ten years. It is expected that work will be started on the construction of the road in the very near future, and that employment will be given a great many of the men of the Valley, who have been working in the mines or at the furnaces, and who have been out of employment for some time.

Imported Wheat.

James J. Hill is a man not given to loose talk. His judgment of agricultural conditions and wheat production is worth as much as any man's. When his comment on the high price of grain includes the prediction that the time is not distant when we shall be importing wheat, the future of breadstuffs in the United States and its relation to wages and the cost of living call for attention.

Twenty years ago a Kansan, C. Wood Davis, made an impression with a series of papers in support of a theory that the normal price of wheat in the future would be \$2 a bushel. Mr. Davis was a statistician of ability. His data regarding the area and quality of wheat land in the world, the increases of population, the growth of cities compared with farm capacity and the habits of mankind were not questioned. His fallacy was supposed to be—and the objection was apparently borne out by facts—that he could not tabulate the land areas not then used for wheat, but available, improved culture and cheapened methods of marketing. His argument was soon forgotten.

Taking the United States alone, Mr. Hill's present opinion suggested a serious revival of the Davis theory. If the Manitoba prairies are to be rated as foreign territory, it may be but a short time before we are importing certain qualities of wheat at a rate which will affect the market, and perhaps call into existence a demand for prohibitive protective tariffs. Wheat culture in the United States seems to have drawn near to its limit. At a dollar a bushel there is small profit for the farmer, except in the comparatively small area of the most productive wheat land. This area is evidently deteriorating, and will improve slowly unless the rate of improvement is stimulated by good prices.

Such great general changes in the production and prices of a great world staple proceed slowly and with deceptive ups and downs. The Patten corner may be followed by a period of low prices. Yet the warning of Mr. Hill is not to be disregarded. Unless the growing of wheat is more attractive than other occupations, every short crop in the world will familiarize Americans with the thought of dependence on imported grain, and that means a permanently higher cost of living.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Carnell, of Belfast township, where in town doing some shopping last Thursday.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

MRS. MARGARET LYON.

Mrs. Margaret Lyon, widow of the late James Lyon, died at the home of M. Luther Kirk at Hustontown about 12:20 o'clock, Tuesday morning. As was stated in the NEWS last week, Mrs. Lyon had gone from her home at West Dublin to Hustontown for a little visit, and while sitting at the supper table in the home of M. Luther Kirk, on Monday evening of last week, she suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which she did not recover and death came as before stated. Her remains were taken on Tuesday afternoon to the old Lyons Home at West Dublin, and the funeral took place from there at twelve o'clock, Wednesday, services being conducted by Rev. John Diehl, of the Presbyterian church, McConnellsburg, and interment was made in the cemetery at the old Presbyterian church in Wells Valley, where lie the remains of her late husband, James Lyon who died on the 13th of January, 1903.

Mrs. Lyon, who was Miss Margaret Rober's, was born in Somerset county, Pa., August 18, 1830. In 1857, she was united in marriage with James G. Lyon, a member of the firm of Lyon and McClure, who operated extensively a tannery at Wells Tannery, Pa. The tannery was burned out in the spring of 1870 and at once rebuilt but two years later Lyon and McClure sold it to Chatfield, Underwood & Co., of New York City, and Mr. Lyon retired to a farm at West Dublin, where he spent the remainder of his days. Far and wide the Lyon home was noted for its generous hospitality, and no woman ever lived whose guests were made to feel more perfectly welcome, than those of Mrs. Lyon.

The deceased was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and for many years, her home was "the preacher's home." Mrs. Lyon is survived by two children, Mrs. Etta Patterson, of Pittsburg, and James E. Lyon, on the old homestead.

Mrs. J. GRANT HANKS.

The people of McConnellsburg were greatly shocked last Friday morning when word was received here that Sadie, wife of Dr. J. Grant Hanks, had died the evening before at their home at Breezewood, Bedford county. While Mrs. Hanks never possessed a vigorous constitution, she was one of those ambitious, plucky little women, that lived up to the full measure of her strength every day. For several days previous to her death she complained of rheumatic or neuralgic pain in her left arm which seemed to be yielding nicely to treatment; but about ten o'clock Thursday evening her husband left her room to go down to look after the fire in the stove, preparatory to retiring for the night, and when he returned in a few minutes, was greatly shocked to find his wife—just breathing her last. The neuralgic pain had left her arm and gone to her heart.

Mrs. Hanks was born in McConnellsburg, October 1, 1862, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Dunlap. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Helen, about 12 years of age and a little son, Jason, about 3 years. Of the nine children that composed her father's family, but three are now left—Annie, wife of John Sheets, of this place; Geo. E., of Shippensburg, and James J., of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Hanks taught the Primary school in this place nine years immediately preceding her marriage to Mr. Hanks in 1892. She was a member of the Methodist Epis-

copal church, and a woman of lovely character. The very large number of persons who attended her funeral on Sunday bore impressive testimony as to the high esteem in which she was held. Her remains were laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at the Rays Hill Lutheran church along the turnpike, just west of the village of Rays Hill.

HON. JOHN DANIELS.

Hon. John Daniels, one of Fulton's representative men, died at the home of his daughter Emaline, Robinson, Hancock, Md., on Friday of last week. Funeral on Sunday, services conducted by Rev. Powers, of Needmore. The remains were taken to Cedar Grove church and interred in the cemetery at that place, after which a sermon was preached in the church by Mr. Powers. There were so many persons in attendance at the funeral that not nearly all of them could get into the church during the services.

Judge Daniels, as he was long and familiarly known, was born March 30, 1826, and hence at the time of his death was aged 83 years and 16 days. About 64 years ago he was married to Sarah Ann Hill. Seven children, twenty-four grand-children, and eleven great-grand-children survive him. The names of the children living are Emaline, widow of the late George Robinson, who now resides in Hancock; Maria, wife of Barton W. Logue, residing in Ayr township—Malinda, wife of John McKee, living near Millstone, Md.; Ellen, wife of James E. Mellott, of Bethel township; W. Riley, residing in Thompson township; Anna, wife of Edward G. Brooks, Baltimore, Md., and Rachel Irene, wife of James King, Lock Haven, Pa.—all of whom were present at the funeral.

In religion, Mr. Daniels was a consistent member of the Christian church, and in politics he was a sturdy Democrat—always taking an active and intelligent interest in the workings of his party. He served five years as Associate Judge in the courts of this county, and was well and favorably known all over the county.

MRS. ELIZABETH SOWERS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sowers, widow of the late John Sowers, of Tod township, died at the home of George Suders, on East Water street, Wednesday evening, April 14, 1909, aged 68 years, 7 months, and 14 days. Mrs. Sowers had been in failing health for a long time, but the immediate cause of her death was heart failure. She was for many years a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. W. Bryner, of McConnellsburg, at the home of Mr. Suders, at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, after which her remains were taken to Union cemetery for interment.

Mrs. Sowers was a daughter of the late Daniel and Mary Clouser, and the eldest of a family of eleven children. The surviving brothers and sisters are, Mrs. Nancy McQuade, of McConnellsburg; Jacob, near Big Cove Tannery; James, in Missouri; John, in Altoona; Amos, McConnellsburg; Ellen, wife of Shirk McLaughlin, living in Fayette county, Pa.; Susan, wife of John Hershey, residing in Iowa; Belle, wife of Van Wert Kelson, in Tod township; Hettie, wife of Nelson Stevens, residing in Iowa; and Hallie, wife of Allie Riley, also in Iowa.

AMOS C. FIELDS.

Amos C. Fields, another of Fulton county's well known citizens, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Alice Felton in East Providence township, Bedford county, Monday, April 19, 1909. Funeral on Thursday, and interment in the cemetery at McKendree church in Brush Creek Valley. Mr. Fields was a son of Jacob and (Continued on page five.)

## WORK FOR EXECUTIVE.

Governor Stuart Has Seven Hundred and Fifteen Bills to Dispose of Until May 15th.

### WILL HAVE LOTS OF PRUNING TO DO.

When the Legislature adjourned it left on Governor Stuart's hands more bills than were ever dumped on the chief executive's desk by a previous Legislature. They are of all sorts, conditions and kinds, and many of them must be very carefully considered.

The Governor has until May 15 to dispose of this choice lot, but the greater number of them are appropriation bills, and to keep within the estimates of State receipts in the next two years he will have to do a great deal of pruning and the veto pruning knife will be kept busy in a short time.

What the Governor will do with the important bills known as the school code and the judges salary raiser is a question. It is reported that the chief executive is not at all pleased with the actions of the McNichol gang in forcing distasteful legislation on him, but as the Governor never tells what he is going to do until he does it, and is extremely reticent, his action will only be known when it is publicly announced.

There were also five resolutions passed proposing amendments to the Constitution, which are not acted upon by the Governor. Working every day until the expiration of the thirty days the Governor will have to dispose of the bills at the rate of twenty-three a day, including Sundays. He certainly has a strenuous time ahead of him.

### NEW HOME NURSE.

Mrs. William Tauscher Takes Charge Until New Nurse is Secured.

From the Potter Enterprise.

The County Commissioners have secured the services of Miss Pearl Payne of Kane, a graduate nurse, to take charge of the hospital department at the County Home. Mrs. William Tauscher of Roulette, formerly Miss Daisy Polk, who for a number of years was nurse at the home and who has the reputation of being the best nurse ever employed by Potter County, took charge at the Home during the past two weeks from the time since Nurse Tubbs resigned and Miss Payne was secured. To do this Mrs. Tauscher left her home in Roulette and came to the Commission's assistance and without a question for this act the taxpayers of Potter County are very much indebted to Mrs. Tauscher. She returned to her home in Roulette Monday afternoon.

### Sold Three Cars.

John M. Runk, real estate dealer, of Chambersburg, spent Monday and Tuesday in McConnellsburg. During the year ending April 1, 1909, he sold 48 farms in Franklin and Cumberland counties, besides many valuable properties in Chambersburg and New York city. Several Fulton county citizens are among his customers.

Mr. Runk came over in his Model "T" Ford touring car, for which he is general agent in Adams, Franklin, and Fulton counties. He has sold three cars in this county, to whom our readers will know later. Mr. Runk is the only agent for this wonderful car in Fulton county.

### School Report.

Report of Black Oak school for seventh month. Number enrolled, 30; average attendance, 20. Those attending every day during month—Clara Norris, Gladys Jordan, Grace Schetrompf, Frances Norris, Cecil Barnhart, Arnold Bishop, Marshall Norris, Preston Bishop, Wilbert Bishop, George Miller, Guy Schetrompf, Arlie Schetrompf, Marshall Bishop.—Kathryn E. Yonker, teacher.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mr. M. L. Laidig, of Hustontown, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaa Clevenger and daughter Catharine spent Saturday in Chambersburg the guests of Mrs. Villa Gehret and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tenley and family, of Sixmile Run, spent several days recently in the home of Mrs. Tenley's mother, Mrs. George Summers.

Mrs. Ruth W. Swope and son Howard, of Licking Creek township, were in town Monday morning, buying some hardware. Mrs. Swope is getting ready to build a new barn this spring.

G. Ed Dunlap, of Shippensburg, and James J. Dunlap and wife, of Fayetteville, were over at Breezewood last Sunday attending the funeral of their sister, Sadie, Mrs. J. Grant Hanks.

Mr. S. C. Yeakle and family of Mercersburg spent a few days on this side of the mountain last week. Sam was unlucky enough to be kicked by a horse at his shop, but the accident gave him a little vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skinner and their brother-in-law John Gable, wife and little son, of Chambersburg, drove over to McConnellsburg last Sunday in Harry's 60-horse-power Pullman. The weather was ideal for motoring, and they had a very pleasant trip.

Mrs. Nancy Diven came in to town on the hack from Knobsville, Monday morning and took the noon hack for Mercersburg, at which place she took the 3 o'clock train for Shippensburg. She intends visiting friends also at Newville, Harrisburg, and York, before she returns.

County Treasurer, C. B. Stevens, who has been suffering much annoyance recently from the closing of one or both of the lachrymal ducts, went to Philadelphia Monday to consult an ocular specialist. It is probable that it will be necessary for him to submit to a surgical operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Hessler and their little son Harold, of Saluvia, were in town last Thursday. Mrs. Hessler said that her father, Captain Dixon, who recently sold the Ed Austin farm with a view to removing to McConnellsburg, had abandoned the idea of going to town, and is planning to build a house at Saluvia and remain there.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Swartzwelder and Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Foust—all of Mercersburg, took advantage of the bright spring weather last Sunday, and drove over to McConnellsburg, and took dinner at the Washington House, and in the afternoon drove across the mountain on the Chambersburg pike, and went home by way of Loudon. Mrs. Swartzwelder's many friends in this county will be pleased to learn that her health is better now than it has been for a long time.

Harrisonville M. E. Church Notices.

For April 25, 1909.

Mt. Zion—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.

Bedford Chapel—Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Asbury—Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.

Siloam—Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; class meeting, 10:30 a. m.;

prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

The First Quarterly Conference will be held at Siloam, Saturday, May 1, 2:00 p. m.

L. W. McGARVEY, pastor.

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